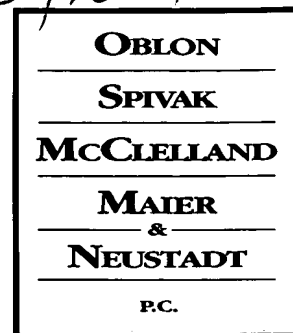


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Applicants: Hisao IKEDA, et al.
Filing Date: October 11, 2001
For: METHOD FOR REDUCING AN ORGANIC
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Group Art Unit: 1624
Examiner: Balasubramanian, V.

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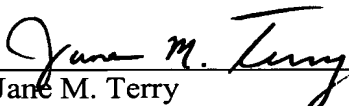
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Our check in the amount of _____ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated December 14, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance to clarify the record.

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner stated the following paragraph (see page 2 of the Notice of Allowability).

In view of applicants' response along with an affidavit from Hisao Ikeda asserting that use of chlorine-free solvent reduces the epichlorohydrin content of the instant crystals below 100 ppm, the 103(a) rejection over Ikeda et al. in view of Tsukamoto et al., made in the previous office action have been obviated.

Applicants agree that the art of record cannot affect the patentability of the claimed invention. However, Applicants wish to note the following regarding this statement by the Examiner.

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Applicants note that the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132, from Hiseo Ikeda, filed on October 4, 2004, showed that the total chlorine amount remaining in the instant crystals is reduced upon use of a chlorine-free solvent.

Applicants request that the Office acknowledge their clarification statement regarding the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

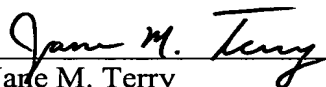
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